

Nursing

Program highlights:

- In the calendar year 2006, 95 percent of CSB/SJU nursing majors passed the licensing exam on the first attempt.
- Involvement in Kappi Phi, the local chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International
- The nursing department sponsors an extremely active nursing club that includes state officers and national-office nominees and committee members.
- Peterson's Top Colleges for Science lists our science and math programs among the best in the nation.
- Fifty-six credits in the major plus 46 pre-requisite/co-requisite credits.
- An introductory nursing course (two credits) in the first year.
- An interdisciplinary healthy lifestyles course in the sophomore year.
- An interdisciplinary course on health economics, policy and management.
- A six-credit clinical immersion course in the senior year.

Outcomes:

The success of our nursing department's integration of theory and practice is demonstrated by the fact that more than 90 percent of our students pass the national nursing boards on the first attempt.

Job placement figures indicate that desired employment is achieved by 100 percent of graduates within one year of graduation. Employers speak positively about our graduates' professional abilities and service contributions in the work place.

Clinical experience

Opportunities for exciting clinical experiences are part of the dynamic curriculum. Whether your interest is in geriatrics, maternal and child health, the chronically ill or acutely ill client, chemical dependency or mental health, you can arrange an internship near campus or close to home. The high quality of CSB/SJU nursing students is recognized by regional hospitals and healthcare centers who recruit students for summer internships starting in their junior year.

Curriculum

The CSB/SJU nursing department offers a four-year program leading to a Bachelor of Science in nursing. As a nursing major, you will work with a faculty adviser to develop an individualized curriculum plan that will include a broad selection of liberal arts courses and prerequisite science and mathematics courses. Nursing theory courses and clinical experiences will help you meet the demands of the latest innovations in nursing practice.

For a complete listing of courses, please visit <http://www.csbsju.edu/nursing/curriculum/default.htm>

Program overview

- The CSB/SJU nursing program offers several unique opportunities. Our nursing students gain skills beyond those involved in technical care, including teaching, research and the planning and coordination of care.
- Our nursing program is accredited by American Association of Colleges of Nursing Accreditation Commission and is approved by the Minnesota Board of Nursing.
- Integrates the fundamental sciences required for professional nursing practice with the liberal arts curriculum that helps you care for patients holistically.
- Unlike other programs, does not include a chemistry requirement.
- Has recently designed a preceptored clinical immersion experience for students' fourth year. That puts you in a real clinic working two to three full shifts a week.
- The nursing skills laboratory contains a wide variety of equipment for learning and practicing nursing skills. These skills include cardiac monitoring, blood administration and IV therapies. In the computer laboratory, students test their problem-solving and decision-making skills using simulated patient care experiences prior to caring for patients in the actual clinical setting.

Faculty

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We offer a nursing education within a liberal arts environment. The courses students take beyond the nursing department provide skills such as communication, problem solving and critical thinking, preparing them for leadership in their field and for lifelong learning. The CSB/SJU nursing program offers several unique opportunities. Our nursing students gain skills beyond those involved in technical care, including teaching, research and the planning and coordination of care.
